(5) Encouraging production of coloured and flavoured margerine and blended oils.

(c) The Government's views on the suggestions made by V.M.A. are adseriatim ;—

(1) As groundnut and mustard/rapeseed oils are used for direct consumption in raw form it will not be in public interest to totally remove curbs on their use in vanaspati. To encourage more production and remunerative prices to farmers use of limited quantities of mustard/rapeseed oil has been allowed in the manufacture of vanaspati.

(2) The underlying objective of Public Distribution System is to ensure availability of essential commodities to consumers, including weaker sections of society, at reasonable price as also to keep the prices of indigenous oils in check. The prices of imported oil released for PDS are kept at a reasonable level.

(3) The farmers are being encouraged to cultivate high yielding oilseeds. Cultivation of soyabean also is being encouraged for its oil yield as well as for providing protein rich foods. Cultivation of sunflower is also being encouraged in various States.

(4) To encourage production of ricebran oil sustained efforts are being made to convert small hullers into shellers in rice mills. A rebate of Rs. 300 per tonne is being allowed by Government for use of ricebran oil in the manufacture of vanaspati; and

(5) The question of addition of colour and flavour in margerine is engaging the attention of Government. Some blending of edible oils has been approved.

Introduction of the scheme of cattle insurance in the country

1361. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to introduce cattle insurance all over the country;

(b) which are the States where partial cattle insurance scheme has been introduced; and

(c) if so, when the crop insurance scheme will be introduced in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Cattle and Livestock Insurance Scheme are operated lin the country since 1974 by the General Insurance Corporation of India through its subsidiary companies.

(c) A Comprehensive Scheme of Crop Insurance has already been introduced in the country with effect from Kharif 1985 to cover wheat, paddy, millets. oilseeds and pulses.

Wastage of large quantity of fish due to non-availability of cold storage in Visakhapatnam

1362. DR SUYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SRHI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Times of India' of 22nd October, 1985 under the caption "Large quantity of fish being wasted";

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to make available cold storage facilities of Visakhapatnam;